

Collection #
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JEFFERSON PROVING GROUND HISTORICAL COLLECTION, 1941–1942

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 8 folders

COLLECTION DATES: 1941-1942

PROVENANCE: Charles E. Heberhart, Madison IN, ca 1942

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: M 0332, Jefferson Proving Ground Survival Committee; M 0440 Jefferson Proving Ground Records

ACCESSION NUMBER: 00.0160

HISTORICAL SKETCH

In preparation for World War II, in order to provide live fire testing of ammunition, Jefferson Proving Ground was set up in southern Indiana. In 1939-1940 about sixty thousand acres of land were purchased in Ripley, Jennings, and Jefferson Counties. The facility opened in May 1941.

Efforts were made at the time to preserve the history of the affected area. This work was headed by Charles E. Heberhart, Director of the Jefferson County Historical Society. Working in cooperation with Christopher B. Coleman, Secretary of Indiana Historical Society, he gathered information, particularly about the churches and schools in the area. This information is the basis of this collection.

Source: Materials in collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling eight folders, contains correspondence, draft historical accounts, and other records, from the years 1941-1942. It is arranged by category.

Folder 1 contains correspondence from Charles E. Heberhart to Christopher B. Coleman during the course of his researches. In Folders 2-3 is material about churches in the area of the Proving Ground; in Folders 4-5 is material about Monroe Township in Jefferson County, which was almost entirely absorbed by the Proving Ground. In Folder 6 is a general school history, and in Folder 7 material about individual schools. Folder 8 contains two JPG telephone directories.

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1 Correspondence-- Charles e. Heberhart to Christopher B. Coleman

2 Churches I

3 Churches II

4 Monroe Township I

5 Monroe Township II

6 General school history

7 Individual schools

8 JPG telephone directories

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